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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon
Acting Deputy to the DCI for
the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Report to the Senate Select Committee (Intelligence)
(SSCI) on Improving the Quality of Analysis ☐

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X1 1. Action Requested: ☐ That you approve the subject report and
sign its letter of transmittal to the SSCI.

X1 2. Background:

a. ☐ The SSCI classified report on the FY 1978 NFIP budget requested a substantial number of studies be furnished the SSCI by November 1977. One such study was a report on steps to be taken to improve the quality of the Community's analytic work. The SSCI asked that the report cover objectives, goals and plans in sufficiently specific terms to enable an evaluation of actions requested in the FY 1979 budget. Twelve specific subjects were to be addressed:

- the balanced use of all sources of intelligence;
- the use of outside experts and contractors;
- the development of area specialists' programs;
- the utilization of clandestinely acquired data;
- the value and use of unclassified data;
- the role of libraries and reference facilities;
- the impact of security restrictions on access to data;
- improving analytic techniques, both quantitative and qualitative;
- the grade levels and promotion opportunities for analysts in each agency;

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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral
Stansfield Turner, has asked that I send you a copy of
his recent report to the Senate Select Committee on
Intelligence dealing with steps to be taken to improve
the quality of analytic work in the Intelligence Community.
The report was prepared by the Intelligence Community Staff
and responds to a request contained in the SSCI's report
on the FY 1978 National Foreign Intelligence Program budget.
Please note that specific dollar figures relating to the
FY 1978 NFIP budget have been omitted from the report
pending White House approval of the budget.

Sincerely,


Acting Legislative Counsel

Enclosure
Report on "Quality of
Intelligence Analysis" 

Report
to the
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

QUALITY OF INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

November 1977

Prepared by the Intelligence Community Staff, on behalf of the
Director of Central Intelligence, in cooperation with National Foreign
Intelligence Board components.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

HPSCI Request for "Quality of Intelligence Analysis" Study

FROM:

IC Staff

EXTENSION

NO.

78-0146

DATE

17 January 1978

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. [] Assist.
Legislative Counsel

Here is a copy of the "Quality of Intelligence Analysis" study which the HPSCI requested. As you will note from the attached copy of the earlier correspondence, the DCI agreed on 27 December to our furnishing an info copy to the HPSCI. Unfortunately, the action officer has been ill, and we failed to follow up. In view of the time lapse, [] suggests we not go back to the Director, but instead ask [] to sign the transmittal letter. Will you do the honors and let me have a copy for our files? I attach a draft which you may use or not as you see fit.